

February 4, 2008

Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Deborah Tate
Commissioner Robert McDowell

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Washington DC 20554

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FCC Mail Room

Re: *In the Matter of Broadcast Localism* (MB Docket No. 04-233)
Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell:

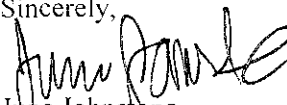
I noted with great interest that the FCC recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on broadcast localism. From what I understand, this proceeding is intended to "ensure that broadcasters are appropriately addressing the needs of their local communities." I wanted to be one of the first to tell you that, in my view and in the view of my organization, ABC7/KGO TV already serves our community in any number of ways that makes any additional federal regulation unnecessary.

Our organization is greatly supported by ABC7/KGO TV. The on-air stories that are presented during peak times drum up support of our annual fundraiser. Since we only have one fundraiser a year, the airtime ABC7/KGO TV provides us is crucial to our success. Moreover, the on-air time devoted to our fundraising campaign has helped raise community awareness of our issues and our organization. I want to assure you that ABC7/KGO TV's role – including both on-air and off-air time – is critical both to our fundraising efforts and to getting our message out to the community-at-large.

In addition to the promotional support ABC7/KGO TV has given us, they have also donated their time and resources to film and produce our marketing DVD. One of the nightly news anchors, Cheryl Jennings, provided the voice over for the seven minute segment. This DVD goes out to all potential sponsors and donors. Without the help of ABC7/KGO TV, we would not be able to reach as many supporters as we have been.

It is because of my first-hand experience with such a long-standing partnership that I am curious as to why the FCC deems it necessary to issue additional regulations. In my view, our community already is well-served by ABC7/KGO TV and no national regulation could create the kind of great local partnership that we already enjoy.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

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TO: CHIEF, MEDIA BUREAU

RE: MB DOCKET NO. 04-233

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Please do not move forward with MB DOCKET NO. 04-233.
The religious stations are a minority of all stations. I do
not want to have religious and non-religious programming
interspersed by rule.

LET-IT-BE...

Respectfully,

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Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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(1) The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM's proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don't share their values could face increased harassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible viewpoints to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present.

(2) The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone has rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so – even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.

(3) The FCC must not force revelation of specific editorial decision-making information. The choice of programming, especially religious programming, is not properly dictated by any government agency – and proposals to force reporting on such things as who produced what programs would intrude on constitutionally-protected editorial choices.

(4) The FCC must not establish a two-tiered renewal system in which certain licensees would be automatically barred from routine renewal application processing. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicants by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coercion of religious broadcasters. Those who stay true to their consciences and present only the messages they correspond to their beliefs could face long, expensive and potentially ruinous renewal proceedings.

(5) Many Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, as do many smaller market secular stations. Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and, (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks – and curtailed service is contrary to the public interest.

We urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.



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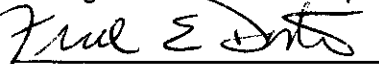
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